

Page 9, lines 7 and 8 delete and insert the following:

~~-Air or gas filled microballoons of the invention useful as suspensions in a carrier~~

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liquid for oral, rectal, or urethral applications, or for injections into living organisms, are prepared by (1) emulsifying a hydrophobic organic phase into a water phase so as to obtain droplets of the hydrophobic phase as an oil-in-water emulsion in the water phase; (2) adding to the emulsion a solution of at least one polymer in a volatile solvent insoluble in the water phase, so that a layer of the polymer will form around the droplets; (3) evaporating the volatile solvent so that the polymer will deposit by interfacial precipitation around the droplets which then form beads with a core of the hydrophobic phase encapsulated by a membrane of the polymer, the beads being suspended in the water phase; then (4) subjecting the suspension to reduced pressure under conditions such that the encapsulated hydrophobic phase is removed by evaporation. The hydrophobic phase is selected so that in step (4) it evaporates substantially simultaneously with the water phase and is replaced by air or gas, whereby dry, free flowing, readily dispersible microballoons are obtained. Alternatively, the polymer is dissolved in the hydrophobic phase, so that steps (2) and (3) can be omitted and the polymer membrane will form by interfacial precipitation during step (4).--.

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Page 8, line 11, delete "of the"

lines 12 and 13, delete entirely and insert:

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-- , e.g. under conditions for freeze drying. For instance, --

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